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Director
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Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indian Anishnaabek Community and Family Service Child Care and Development Fund Program plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA).

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- Provide direct child care services subsidy assistance to health care sector, employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and other workers deemed essential and frontline workers without regard to income during the response to coronavirus.
- Provide all CCDF parents with co-payment relief during the response to coronavirus.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- Provide direct COVID 19 cleaning supplies to CCDF providers and families during the response to coronavirus.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- Provide grants to CCDF Providers to stabilize their child care business during the response to coronavirus.
- Provide direct Utility Subsidy to CCDF Providers to help mitigate rising costs during the response to coronavirus.
- Provide grants to CCDF Providers to expand child care resources as a result of COVID closures in response to coronavirus.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- Provide opportunities to Sault Tribe members who own or start a Family Child Care Homes in the 7 County Service Area in response to coronavirus who hasn't received CCDF subsidies prior to the Pandemic.

5. Other

- Provide Health and Safety Curriculum to help CCDF Providers teach children the importance of health and safety during the response to coronavirus.
- Provide Summer Camp tuition for 2021, 2022 and 2023 to the Big Bear Program.
- Advertise the CRSSA opportunities widely.
- Provide all CCDF Providers Ojibwa-related teaching materials and supplies.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Anishnaabek Community and Family Services Child Care and Development Fund Program will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation. Our plan is also contingent upon approval of the Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

/s/

ACFS Division Director
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

cc: Gena L. Miller, Regional Program Manager, Office of Child Care, Region V